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CERE-RP (405)

23 June 1993


MEMORANDUM FOR SEE DISTRIBUTION

SUBJECT: Asbestos Screening - Homeowners Assistance
Program (HAP), Policy Memorandum 93-3

1. This memorandum represents a clarification to PM 91-2A concerning screening of homes acquired for asbestos.
2. The intent of the preceding was to insure that friable asbestos was not a problem in the homes. It was not intended to pay for expensive asbestos inspections for each home to tell us whether there was any asbestos on site, only friable asbestos. We have checked with Housing and Urban Development and also the Department of Veterans Affairs. Neither agency performs extensive asbestos surveys if no evident friable asbestos is apparent.
3. Accordingly, only when it is deemed necessary by a cursory inspection that friable asbestos is evident will HAP resources be expended for intensive asbestos inspections.
4. Enclosed is an amended page 7-49 to ER 405-1-12 which should be inserted until such time as the entire Chapter 7 is updated.
5. Point of contact for this office is Mr. John Downey, telephone 202-272-0517.

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* there are defective paint surfaces on the interior or exterior of the dwelling. If defective paint surfaces exist, an immediate LBP hazard is presumed to exist. The report must indicate that an immediate LBP hazard exists, and the nature and location of the defective surfaces must be described with particularity.

5. Asbestos Screening. Asbestos screening will initially be accomplished by a determination of whether or not friable asbestos is suspected. If there is no crumbling or pulverized insulation, tiles, roofing, shingles or other construction material which may contain asbestos, it may be assumed no friable asbestos is present. If, however, there is reason to suspect friable asbestos is present, an inspection will be performed by a qualified inspector, either Corps of contractor, proficient in asbestos detection and DA/DOD asbestos policy.